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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone was fully steady to firm on 8-16 lb. hens, 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Light to moderate sales on packer label whole body hens and toms was reported. Demand was mixed with most interest noted for prompt deliveries or fill-in business. Bulk parts and meat trading was slow. Offerings were light and held with confidence. however, buyers resisting upward movement of the market.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light. Demand was light to moderate. Interest noted from Russia, Mexico and Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 28, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-71	66-71	67.38	420	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	70	70.00	30	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	64-66	65.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	65	65.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 OCTOBER 2003.

Trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to firm for prompt shipments. Demand light to fair as the industry concentrates more on the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings spotty. The trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Trading slow on all items. Livers traded at 17.50 cents delivered domestic for pet foods and frozen thigh trim at 42 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	91.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	88.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	44.29	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	36.00		36.00	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	43.00	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	46.00	2
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	8
NECKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.43	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	126.67	90
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	164.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	89.20	50
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	75
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	120.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	27.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	25.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	43.00	108
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	94.00	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-78

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 OCTOBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances weak with spot trading and offerings noted at lower trending price levels. Demand slow. Offerings available with some sellers looking for bids on frozen destrapped tenderloins from current production. The trade sentiment on scapula and breast trim was at least steady. Demand light to instances fair for the limited offerings. The undertone on wing meat was mostly steady with some spot weakness noted. Sellers were offering at mostly steady levels, however, a few were starting to demonstrate a willingness to negotiate on current production. Offerings mostly adequate. Firm priced trading light and centered on tom drums for domestic and export shipments. Some open priced fresh thigh meat sold for November export deliveries.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/			91.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.50-43.00		42.32	186
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00		43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00-39.00		38.08	37
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	36.00	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00		42.00	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	46.00	2
NECKS, TOM		T	20.00	8
NECKS, HEN		T	19.43	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	126.67	90
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	164.00		164.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	89.20	50
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00		114.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	60.00		60.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	27.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	25.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-42.00		40.67	156
TAILS	24.00		24.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	93.00		93.00	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/29/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	
2003-2004	14,576	108,855	108,855
2002-2003	7,550	143,141	143,441